

Minutes to be reviewed and approved at the April 17, 2014 Greenway NAC Meeting

Greenway NAC Meeting/ Joint NAC Mtg/Mayor's Address March 20, 2014

Our meeting tonight was joined by the Denney Whitford/Raleigh West and Vose NAC's to discuss our work and hear the Mayor's City Update address.

7:00 Welcome and Introductions: members of BCCI and City Council were in attendance, as well as many members of our three NAC's, approximately 50 persons.

7:05 Our TV Fire & Rescue Department gave a brief talk about the upcoming replacement levy vote: this levy will replace the current expiring one, with some addition, as they are building new stations/hiring additional personnel to improve response time in all parts of Beaverton. (See last month's minutes.)

7:10 Highlights of NAC's projects:

Greenway: Oak Tree Garden totem art installation for neighborhood

Greenway Park summer concert with THPRD

Appeal of standards used for cell tower in our neighborhood

Denney Whitford/Raleigh West: McKay Summer Reading drive, books for children's home libraries, especially for summer reading

Vose: Vose Elementary book program

Summer Rummage Sale in planning stages

Annual Picnic in the Park in August

7:25 Video re: Beaverton's growth and industry through recovering construction projects, enterprise zones established, and urban renewal. City is listening to needs of businesses to encourage existing ones to stay, welcome new enterprises.

7:35 Guest Speaker, Mayor Denny Doyle: City Update

Mayor Doyle gave a detailed and extensive report on the many projects and accomplishments of our city of Beaverton, for which he showed an obvious love and pride. Some of the bullets of these actions and priorities:

- Launch new 5-year update on Community Visioning Plan
- Incorporate Neighbor Integrity Events: get to know/appreciate/help one another's neighborhoods
- Develop Creekside Initiative - attractive openings/enterprise along creek areas in town
- Transportation improvements - several roads mentioned including Canyon, Farmington, Jenkins, and Walker
- City Offices move to Round in summer: this move has encouraged leasing of the previously unoccupied office/business areas in the Round, bringing in more tax dollars
- Getting approved the renovation of old city offices for use by our Safety Services, in the "Renew for Our Blue" campaign: will create safe spaces for different law enforcement activities, combine services under one roof, will make earthquake tolerable.

- Our Beaverton City Library is largest circulating in the state, will need continued support monetarily; working on expanding Scholls Ferry Branch esp. for children's area
- Seek outside funding for transportation, bring our tax dollars back
- Expand water sources for future needs
- Support local businesses, especially those started by minorities and women
- Support/ recognition/celebration of divergent cultures in our community
- Look worldwide for global economy issues; businesses not isolated anymore. The Mayor has travelled to Washington D.C. and several countries to meet officials, talk about how cities can improve, look for business opportunities

Discussion:

Neighborhood designation by nat'l firm less than favorable to our neighborhood: Denny will talk to firm

Abandoned houses in area, debris in greenspaces:

When have concerns with neighborhood areas, contact
publicworks@beavertonoregon.com

8:35 Meeting adjourned

Our next Greenway NAC meeting will be Thursday, April 17, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at usual location, Conestoga Middle School

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Kimble, Greenway NAC Recorder, 3-22-2014